

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Registrant Data

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Introduction

This report contains registration information about nurses and midwives registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

The functions of the NMBA are defined under the [National Law](#), and include:

- Registering nurses, midwives and students of nursing and midwifery
- Determining national registration requirements
- Developing professional codes, standards, guidelines and position statements to guide the practice of nurses and midwives
- Managing notifications, investigations and panel hearings
- Overseeing the assessment of internationally qualified nurses and midwives who wish to register in Australia
- Approving national accreditation standards and accredited programs of study leading to registration and endorsement
- Delegating to state and territory boards and committees of the NMBA, and AHPRA staff, the power to determine individual applications for registration and notification of a nurse's or midwife's health, performance and/or conduct, and a student's health or criminal history

**Co-regulatory models apply in New South Wales (NSW) and Queensland (QLD). In NSW, notifications are managed separately by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of NSW; the NSW Board of the NMBA only manages registration matters. In QLD, notifications are received by the Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO), who determines which notifications should be managed by the NMBA.*

The NMBA's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing the NMBA and AHPRA, see [AHPRA's Legislation & Publications](#) at www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx. AHPRA has analysed the NMBA's registration data and produced a number of statistical tables¹ about registrants to share with the professions and community. This report is updated on a quarterly basis.

For more information on nursing and midwifery registration, please see the NMBA's website: www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement.aspx

¹ Note that the data for dual registration in the tables and diagrams includes where a nurse or a midwife may be non-practising in one category, for example enrolled nurse (non-practising) & registered nurse (practising) or nurse (non-practising) & midwife (practising).

Principal Place of Practice

Registration Type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice*

Profession	Registration Type	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	General	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	692	13,383	400	12,694	7,578	1,466	19,843	5,210	96	61,362	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,758	79,773	3,334	55,158	21,539	6,659	69,288	28,743	9,076	278,328	
		EN & RN	66	1,116	61	1,321	678	73	2,393	588	27	6,323	
	Total General Nurse			5,516	94,272	3,795	69,173	29,795	8,198	91,524	34,541	9,199	346,013
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	17	309	6	172	135	25	235	80	17	996	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	75	1,476	23	597	296	97	662	318	450	3,994	
		EN & RN	1	3		3	4		8		5	24	
	Total Non-practising Nurse			93	1,788	29	772	435	122	905	398	472	5,014
	Total Nurse			5,609	96,060	3,824	69,945	30,230	8,320	92,429	34,939	9,671	351,027
	Nurse & Midwife	General	EN & Midwife		4	2	22	7		29			64
RN & Midwife			501	7,626	481	5,554	1,839	615	7,224	2,770	284	26,894	
EN & RN & Midwife				14		6	1	1	24	11		57	
Total General NMW			501	7,644	483	5,582	1,847	616	7,277	2,781	284	27,015	
Non-practising		EN & Midwife							1				1
		RN & Midwife	17	283		90	38	10	101	42	26		607
Total Non-practising NMW			17	283		90	38	10	102	42	26	608	
Total NMW			518	7,927	483	5,672	1,885	626	7,379	2,823	310	27,623	
Midwife	General		141	1,018	83	897	554	24	1,251	400	159	4,527	
	Non-practising		1	18		9	8		16	6	7	65	
Total Midwife			142	1,036	83	906	562	24	1,267	406	166	4,592	
Total			6,269	105,023	4,390	76,523	32,677	8,970	101,075	38,168	10,147	383,242	

* The Nursing and Midwifery Board introduced Provisional Registration for Nurses and Midwives in September 2015. Data about the number of provisional registrants is being captured and will be reported in the near future.

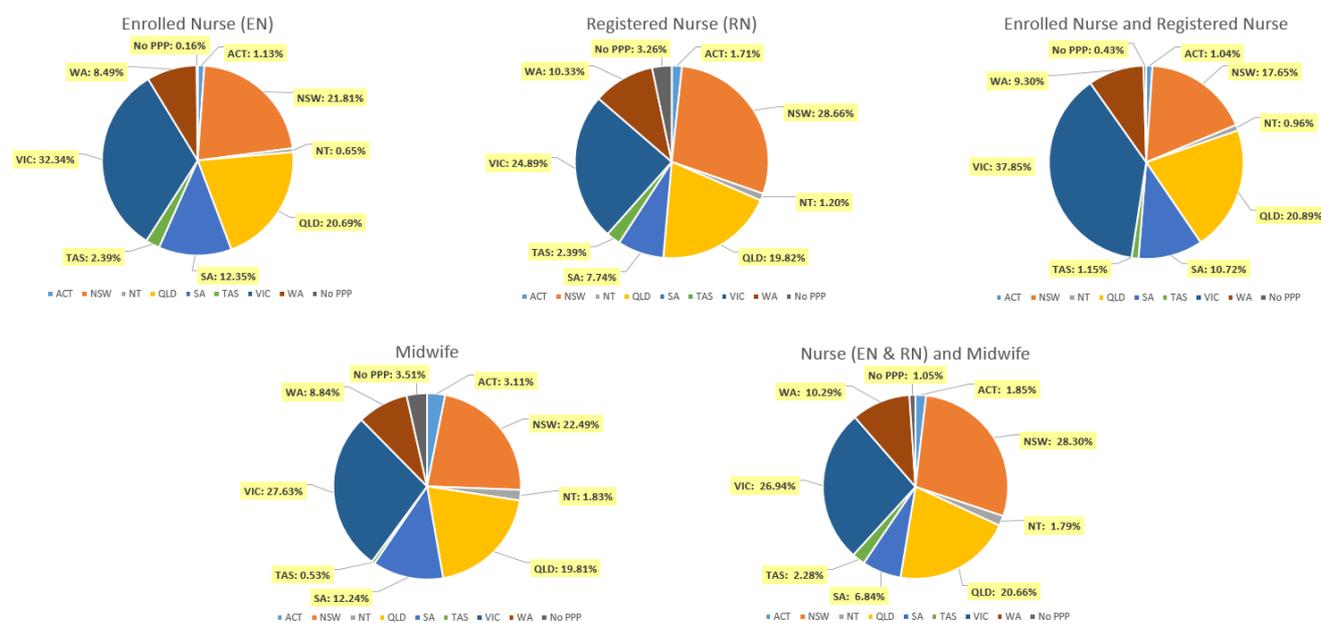
General Registration

Table 2.1 Totals for practitioners with general registration as Nurse and/or Midwife

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	692	13,383	400	12,694	7,578	1,466	19,843	5,210	96	61,362
Registered Nurse (RN)	4,758	79,773	3,334	55,158	21,539	6,659	69,288	28,743	9,076	278,328
EN & RN	66	1,116	61	1,321	678	73	2,393	588	27	6,323
Midwife	141	1,018	83	897	554	24	1,251	400	159	4,527
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	501	7,644	483	5,582	1,847	616	7,277	2,781	284	27,015

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 2.2 Percentage of general registration by principal place of practice



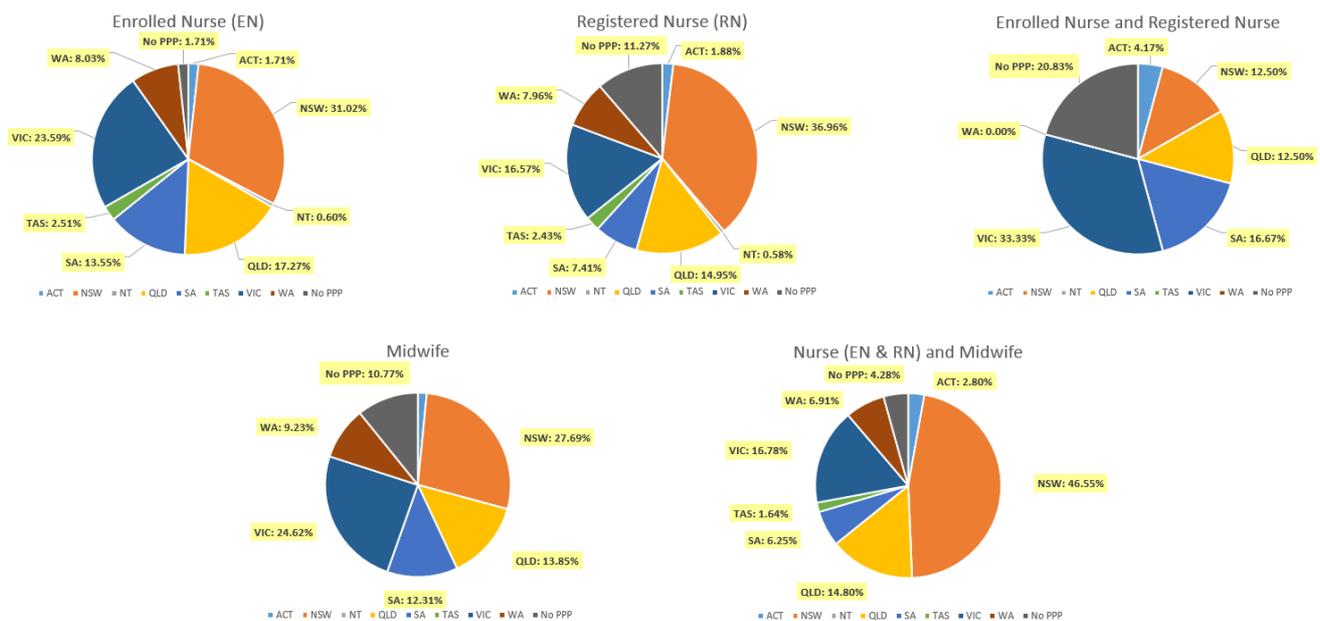
Non-practising Registration

Table 3.1 Totals for practitioners with non-practising registration as Nurse and/or Midwife

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	17	309	6	172	135	25	235	80	17	996
Registered Nurse (RN)	75	1,476	23	597	296	97	662	318	450	3,994
EN & RN	1	3		3	4		8		5	24
Midwife	1	18		9	8		16	6	7	65
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	17	283		90	38	10	102	42	26	608

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 3.2 Percentage of non-practising registration by principal place of practice



Endorsements by Type

The NMBA endorsements for registered nurses are:

- Nurse Practitioner
- Registered Nurse - scheduled medicines (rural and isolated practice)

The NMBA endorsements for midwives are:

- Midwife – scheduled medicines
- Midwife Practitioner – refer [Position-Statement Midwife Practitioners \(7 April 2011\)](#)

Table 4.1 Registered Nurse and Midwife – Endorsements by type

Profession	Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse	Nurse Practitioner	43	363	23	409	129	33	316	245	24	1,585
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	6	50	22	820	7	8	173	23	8	1,117
Midwife	Scheduled Medicines*	3	59	3	137	34	9	70	55		370
	Midwife Practitioner		1								1

* The above numbers under 'Midwife Scheduled Medicines' reflect those midwives who have met the NMBA Registration standard for endorsement for scheduled medicines for midwives.

Notations

Registered nurses with a sole qualification in mental health nursing or paediatric nursing or disability nursing - rather than a qualification in general nursing - are identified on the national register with a notation, which states: Solely qualified in the area of Disability Nursing / Mental Health Nursing / Paediatric Nursing.

Table 5.1 Registered Nurse notations

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Disability Nursing		38	2	10	5		12	18	14	99
Mental Health nursing	7	256	27	168	223	16	260	1,043	140	2,140
Paediatric Nursing	2	134	2	97	16	2	73	149	61	536
Total	9	428	31	275	244	18	345	1,210	215	2,775

The NMBA also recognises midwives that meet the requirements of the Eligible Midwife registration standard with a notation on their registration.

The notation states:

Eligible midwife competent to provide pregnancy, labour, birth and post natal care and qualified to provide the associated services and order diagnostic investigations required for midwifery practice, in accordance with relevant State and Territory legislation.

Table 5.2 Midwife notations

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Eligible Midwife*	1	2	2	12	2		5	3		27

* The above numbers reflect those midwives with the Eligible midwife notation only. An Eligible midwife, may be qualified to apply for endorsement for scheduled medicines for midwives under section 94 to prescribe Schedule 2, 3, 4 & 8 medicines when they have completed a NMBA-approved program of study and meet the requirements of the NMBA Registration standard for endorsement for scheduled medicines for midwives.

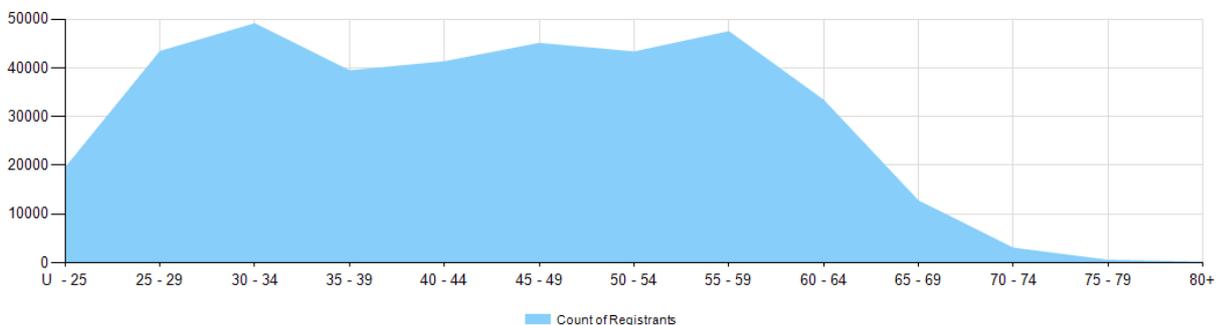
Age Group

General Registration

Table 6.1 General registration by age group

Age Group	Nurse			Nurse & Midwife			Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN			
U - 25	4,927	13,370	316		449	1	372	19,435	5.1%
25 - 29	5,776	33,649	1,404	11	1,634	22	842	43,338	11.5%
30 - 34	5,565	39,476	1,259	12	1,971	9	741	49,033	13.0%
35 - 39	4,926	31,238	787	13	1,780	5	608	39,357	10.4%
40 - 44	5,298	32,516	657	9	2,144	5	594	41,223	10.9%
45 - 49	7,130	33,716	692	11	2,907	6	528	44,990	11.9%
50 - 54	8,548	29,521	606	5	4,192	6	366	43,244	11.5%
55 - 59	9,892	31,124	410	2	5,737	1	247	47,413	12.6%
60 - 64	6,658	22,273	145	1	4,105	2	152	33,336	8.8%
65 - 69	2,183	8,832	39		1,553		59	12,666	3.4%
70 - 74	413	2,165	7		353		17	2,955	0.8%
75 - 79	35	379	1		61		1	477	0.1%
80+	11	69			8			88	<0.1%
Total	61,362	278,328	6,323	64	26,894	57	4,527	377,555	100%

Table 6.2 General registration by age group

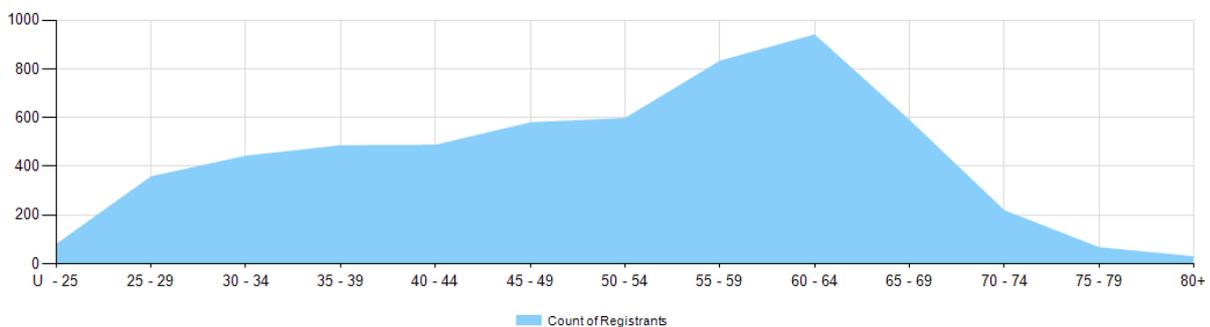


Non-practising Registration

Table 7.1 Non-practising registration by age group

Age Group	Nurse			Nurse & Midwife			Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN			
U - 25	28	47			2		1	78	1.4%
25 - 29	66	268	7		8		7	356	6.3%
30 - 34	64	354	2	1	14		6	441	7.8%
35 - 39	74	383			19		8	484	8.5%
40 - 44	86	359	3		29		9	486	8.5%
45 - 49	117	415	1		42		3	578	10.2%
50 - 54	154	380	3		50		9	596	10.5%
55 - 59	181	527	5		108		10	831	14.6%
60 - 64	153	626	2		149		9	939	16.5%
65 - 69	58	409	1		120			588	10.3%
70 - 74	10	157			48		2	217	3.8%
75 - 79	5	49			11			65	1.1%
80+		20			7		1	28	0.5%
Total	996	3,994	24	1	607		65	5,687	100%

Table 7.2 Non-practising registration by age group



Gender

General Registration

Table 8.1 General registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	618	11,875	331	11,411	6,855	1,337	17,996	4,816	82	55,321	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,113	68,961	2,811	48,779	18,968	5,834	61,485	25,932	7,698	244,581	
		EN & RN	53	940	52	1,139	557	69	2,046	537	26	5,419	
		Total Female General Nurse	4,784	81,776	3,194	61,329	26,380	7,240	81,527	31,285	7,806	305,321	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	74	1,508	69	1,283	723	129	1,847	394	14	6,041	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	645	10,811	523	6,378	2,571	825	7,803	2,811	1,378	33,745	
		EN & RN	13	176	9	182	121	4	347	51	1	904	
		Total Male General Nurse	732	12,495	601	7,843	3,415	958	9,997	3,256	1,393	40,690	
	Intersex or Indeterminate	Registered Nurse (RN)		1		1						2	
	Total General Nurse			5,516	94,272	3,795	69,173	29,795	8,198	91,524	34,541	9,199	346,013
Nurse & Midwife*	Female	EN & Midwife		4	2	21	7		29			63	
		RN & Midwife	493	7,453	452	5,468	1,801	600	7,156	2,731	277	26,431	
		EN & RN & Midwife		13		6	1	1	24	11		56	
		Total Female General NMW	493	7,470	454	5,495	1,809	601	7,209	2,742	277	26,550	
	Male	EN & Midwife				1							1
		RN & Midwife	8	173	29	86	38	15	68	39	7	463	
		EN & RN & Midwife		1									1
Total Male General NMW			8	174	29	87	38	15	68	39	7	465	
Total General NMW			501	7,644	483	5,582	1,847	616	7,277	2,781	284	27,015	
Midwife	Female		140	1,012	82	896	553	23	1,245	400	159	4,510	
	Male		1	6	1	1	1	1	6			17	
Total General Midwife			141	1,018	83	897	554	24	1,251	400	159	4,527	
Total			6,158	102,934	4,361	75,652	32,196	8,838	100,052	37,722	9,642	377,555	

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 8.2 Total general registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	5,417	90,258	3,730	67,720	28,742	7,864	89,981	34,427	8,242	336,381
Male	741	12,675	631	7,931	3,454	974	10,071	3,295	1,400	41,172
Intersex or Indeterminate		1		1						2

Table 8.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	88.0%	87.7%	85.5%	89.5%	89.3%	89.0%	89.9%	91.3%	85.5%	89.1%
Male	12.0%	12.3%	14.5%	10.5%	10.7%	11.0%	10.1%	8.7%	14.5%	10.9%
Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%						<0.1%

Non-practising Registration

Table 9.1 Non-practising registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	16	282	5	163	128	23	222	76	16	931
		Registered Nurse (RN)	67	1,344	20	546	257	89	601	302	408	3,634
		EN & RN	1	3		3	3		8		4	22
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse		84	1,629	25	712	388	112	831	378	428	4,587
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	27	1	9	7	2	13	4	1	65
		Registered Nurse (RN)	8	132	3	51	39	8	61	16	42	360
		EN & RN					1				1	2
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse		9	159	4	60	47	10	74	20	44	427
	Total Non-practising Nurse			93	1,788	29	772	435	122	905	398	472
Nurse & Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			1
		RN & Midwife	16	275		88	38	10	101	42	26	596
	Total Female Non-practising NMW		16	275		88	38	10	102	42	26	597
	Male	RN & Midwife	1	8		2						11
	Total Male Non-practising NMW		1	8		2						11
Total Non-practising NMW			17	283		90	38	10	102	42	26	608
Midwife	Female		1	18		9	8		16	6	7	65
	Male											
Total Non-practising Midwife			1	18		9	8		16	6	7	65
Total			111	2,089	29	871	481	132	1,023	446	505	5,687

Table 9.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	101	1,922	25	809	434	122	949	426	461	5,249
Male	10	167	4	62	47	10	74	20	44	438

Table 9.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	91.0%	92.0%	86.2%	92.9%	90.2%	92.4%	92.8%	95.5%	91.3%	92.3%
Male	9.0%	8.0%	13.8%	7.1%	9.8%	7.6%	7.2%	4.5%	8.7%	7.7%